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You'll be "flagged" to stop your engine
By the passenger of death,
You may run the grades of trouble,
Many days and years with ease,
But time may have you "side tracked,"
By the switchman of disease.
You may cross the bridge of manhood,
Run the tunnel long of strife,
Having God for your conductor.
On the "lightning train" of life,
Always mindful of instructions,
Watchful duty never lack,
Keep your hand upon the throttle,
And your eyes upon the track.

Name your engine "True Religion,"
When you're running day or night,
Use the coal of "Faith" for fuel,
And she'll always guide you right.
You need never fear of "sticking"
On the up grades 'long the road,
If you've got "Hope" for a fireman
You can always pull the load.
You will often find obstruction,
By the cunning devil lain
On a fill, a curve or some place
Where he'll try to "ditch your train."
But you needn't fear disaster.
"Jerk her open"—"Let her go!"
For the King who ruleth all things
All his plans will overthrow.
Put your trust in God—the Saviour—
Keep a-going—don't look back—
Keep your hand upon the throttle
And your eyes upon the track.

When you've made the train successful,
And you're at your journey's end,
You will find the angels waiting
To receive you as a friend.
You'll approach the Superintendent,
Who is waiting for you now,
With a blessed smile of welcome,
And a crown to deck your brow.
Never falter in your duty,
Put your faith and hope in Him,
And you'll always find your engine
In the best of running trim.
Ring your bell and blow your whistle,
Never let your courage slack,
Keep your hand upon the throttle
And your eyes upon the track.

WOULD BE SO ANYWHERE.

Concord Times,

About a month ago Rev N. J. Bakke, pastor of the colored Lutheran church of Concord, wrote an article and had it published in some Lutheran papers North, setting forth the fact that there was considerable destitution among the colored people in this vicinity, and calling on friends to the poor and to missionary work he was doing to send articles of clothing for the destitute people. Mr. Bakke was by no means prepared for the prompt answer to his request. About three weeks ago the boxes began to come in, and they have continued to come in ever since. So many have been received that Mr. Bakke cannot distribute it, if he fill only the wants of the needy. Up to date he has received over $1,000 worth of clothing. There are hats, coats, vests, pants, dresses, overcoats, cloaks, socks, shoes, and every conceivable article of useful apparel. The articles were sent by members of the Lutheran church, north, east and west. About two-thirds of them have been distributed.

It soon became noised abroad among the colored people that there was a gentleman in Concord who was giving away whole suits of clothing, and all one had to do was to go to him and ask for what he wanted. Last Monday a perfect swarm of darkies was here. They came from Mt. Pleasant, Harrisburg Flows, Poplar Tent, and every remote part of the county. They were at least 500 colored people here on that day. They came wearing their shabbiest clothes. They hatched up all sorts of tales to tell Mr. Bakke. All of their numerous children were in rags, they said, and must have clothes or freeze. One man in the course of his remarks unwittingly said that he had a boy and a girl each 15 years old, and another boy and girl each 13 years old. Inquiry revealed that he had no twins at his house at all. That man, along with a great many others, did not get any clothes. Mr. Bakke has no doubt been greatly imposed on, and those who got no share of the articles went home mad. Many went back two or three times, each time carrying home a load of clothing.

There is very little destitution among any class of our pople, white or colored, and nearly all that does exist could be done away with by the exhibition of a little more industry.

Farmer Terry Gives Thanks.

Mr. T. B. Terry, one of Ohio's best known and most wide awake farmers, through the columns of the *Practical Farmer*, thus lets the world into the secret of some of the farmer's causes for thanksgiving:

"I am thankful that I am not a doctor for if I did not manage to suit every patient I would find them slipping away from me. I am thankful I am not a minister with a whole congregation to please. I might have a certain fixed income, but oh, so many toes liable to be trodden on! I am thakful I am not a manufacturer for just as I got a large supply of goods some change of fashion might take off all the profit. Potatoes and wheat never go out of fashion. The only toes I am liable to tread on belong to weeds and potato bugs, and these never resent the operation. If one man doesn't like the goods I produce, the whole country is my market, and the loss of a customer is not to me what it is to the doctor, who can draw from but a few miles around.

"On my farm I am king. No man can spit tobacco juce about me, or befoul my air with the smoke from his mouth, or make me listen to swearing or impure or foul conversation. I do not have to put up with anybody's impudence as a matter of business policy. Said a merchant to me the other day as a customer left the store, whose words I could not have stood: 'Thank God that you do not have to be all smiles and bows when you are just aching to kick a man across the street.' I am my own boss, except that I must produce what the world wants. No one can discharge me or find fault with my work. There is always work to do. I am never out of a job, and still am not closely tied up, except for a few weeks of the year.

"Oh, I am more thankful for clover, and that I have got fixed so as to save all my manure from waste, and that the inventive powers of man have given me implements that enable me to get better crops with less labor. I am thankful that I can ride while the horses cut and bind the wheat, and spread the manure, and plant the potatoes and dig them, and cut the clover and rake it. I am thankful I was not born 50 years earlier and was not obliged to leave this world just as farming was beginning to be a very desirable business.

"I cannot become a millionaire at farming and I am thankful for it, but I can get about all that is really worth living for from my little farm, and get it without being subjected to the tremendous strife and rush to get ahead found in city life, get it in a quiet, healthful, easy way, get it with plenty of elbow room, with acres of my own instead of feet."

The Country Boy.

Perquimans Record.

We have spent much of the last thirty-four years in farmers' homes; and have seen that boy—the country lad as he is. He rises early; he is acquainted with and interested in all the stock and poultry; he knows all the country round; he is acquainted with every bug and worm, bird and animal, tree and flour, weed and cereal on the farm. He has a good appetite and good digestion, and his sleep is sweet and refreshing. He reads thoughtfully the great book of nature, whose leaves open before him day by day. He loves his father and mother and calls them such, and he loves his sweet-heart as no town boy does, and is loved in turn by her as no town boy is. He works hard all day, and when night comes he enjoys a frolic with a healthful zest, and then lies down to peaceful dreams. He grows to man's estate with the rich heritage of good health, a clean, pure character, industrial habits, a mind well stored with practical knowledge gained by the fireside and in the country lyceum, affectionate and trusting in his disposition, polite and courteous though perhaps somewhat awkward in his manners, and in every way well equipped for life's battle. He knows nothing of the follies and vices, the mockery and hollowness so often seen in city life. He is a grown up man, and the chief places in business in the city and in the nation come into his possession. He has the stuff in him that qualifies him under guidance for eminent statesmanship, for military renown, for professional success, for judicial distinction, and the grandest men of the future will be found among the country boys of our land.

He may at times think his country home plain and unattractive, his life one of drudgery and humdrum, and may at times envy the town boy and his more exciting life and opportunities, but let him not worry. He has a far richer heritage, and the future will be a satisfactory revelation to him

God bless the country boy! He is the hope of the nation.

The French Girl's Hero.

A French girl feels that there is just one companion as delightful as her mother, just one friend in the world as trusty, just one confidant as sympathetic, and that is her father, writes Henrietta C. Dana in an attractive paper on "The French Girl and Her Father" in the December Ladies' Home Journal. He is her hero and the knights of her dreams. Often and often have I seen the girls at school hiding their father's photograph in the leaves of their schoolbooks, kissing it enthusiastically on the sly, pressing it to their hearts when they go to chapel to say their prayers, sewing his last letter in their dresses, treasuring some little keepsake in their pocket. And when they meet one can see how the father returns his daughter's feeling by his tender clasp of her pure young hand, and the adoring affection with which he looks down into her eyes. He allows nothing to keep him back from meeting her as she comes from school and giving her his arm—for every French gentleman extends this mark of protection and respect to the women of his family—they start off on their long, happy walk, and many a merry romp, many a tender confidence, do they have in the short evening that follows till her early bedtime at 8 o'clock.

Gen. Gorman Dead.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 27th.—General John C. Gorman, who for five or six years has been employed at the Government Printing Office, died suddenly here early this morning. He was from Raleigh, N. C., and this afternoon friends started with the remains for that city, where the interment will take place. General Gorman served during the war in a North Carolina regiment, and was an Adjutant-General of the State. He leaves a wife and children. A sister of General Gorman is the wife of ex-Congressman Nichols, of North Carolina.

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John T. Gregory,
1-5-6t. Clerk Superior Court.

WASPS AND SPIDERS.

Why "the Birds" Are Not Disturbed by the Miners.

The miners of Colorado who have built cabins on the mountain sides know what a pest the small brown wood spider proves to be, says the Great Divide. They throw their webs over our best clothes, cooking utensils, in every corner where you can get them in your eyes and mouth. Not only that, but they will drop into the frying pan, water bucket or upon the table where you are eating.

But nature furnished a remedy and a friend when she gave the spider hawk. The name is given by miners to a small steel-blue wasp, about three fourths of an inch in length. He can easily be recognized by the quick, nervous strokes of his wings. They build a nest up among the rafters of your cabin of wood pulp or furze from the outer coating of old dead trees. Then they are ready for business. Every few minutes you can see your hawk climb up the rafters with a spider, sometimes carrying one four or five times its own weight. Sometimes they get a spider so heavy that they will fall many times before they succeed in reaching their nest. They never give up, but keep on trying until they succeed. When the spider is safely placed in the nest the female hawk deposits her egg in the dead body. The hawks live only in pairs as far as my observation goes. They become rather tame and seem to be obliged to you for building the spider trap for their benefit.

HE HAD NERVE.

Shown by the Fact That He Let a Rattler Wander on His Bosom.

"About two weeks ago I was standing with a party on the shore of Lake Erie, not far from Ashtabula," said a mill worker to the Syracuse Standard. "Shortly after we had retired one evening I heard a peculiar whirring sound, which I recognized at once. 'There's a rattlesnake in camp!' I exclaimed. 'I am going to get up.' 'Hush!' came the word, slowly hissed through the teeth, from a companion near me. 'The snake has crawled into my shirt bosom.' This was very softly said and we were almost paralyzed with fright at the prospect. We were afraid to stir for fear the reptile would take alarm and strike its victim. It crawled over his body good naturedly, evidently enjoying the warmth, for the night was a little raw.

"At times the snake's head was close to his face, and he told us afterward he feared the motion of his chest up and down in breathing would stir up the reptile and tried hard to breathe as little as possible. Finally the snake crawled toward the fire, and in an instant the whole camp was up. We seized a club and broke the reptile's back before it could make a spring. It measured nearly five feet.

"The man who had the terrible experience collapsed like a rag after it was over. During the ordeal we were all surprised at the coolness and nerve he displayed. With all danger passed he fell into a faint, but he soon revived."

CUPID AND THE SAGACIOUS CAT.

How Tabby Carried Tender Messages between a Lover and His Sweetheart.

It was in the spring of the year 1887 when I met my husband, says a writer in the New York Recorder. I held a position as artist for one of the firms in New York city, and he held position as bookkeeper for the firm two doors below the one we occupied, and I became acquainted with him and soon our acquaintance ripened into a close friendship, and many were the notes he would send upstairs. At last he hit upon the novel idea of using the large office cat for a messenger boy, and the first thing in the morning I would see Tommy at the door of my room crying to be let in. As soon as the door would be opened he would walk into the room and wait patiently for me to take the note that my friend had tied to his collar from him, and after I would answer it he would stand still until I gave him a little petting, and then off he would go and deliver the note to my friend.

Strange as it may seem, that cat would not allow anyone to touch him while he was carrying the note. Through these notes friendship ripened into love, and we called Tommy our messenger boy.

Just before we were married Tommy disappeared and we could find no trace of him, but my husband declares he must be still living and carrying love messages for some other happy ones.

FULL OF REPTILES.

In Our Geological Formation Creeping Animals Once Predominated.

There was a time "in the wide revolving shades of centuries past" when our globe was wholly in the possession of walking, swimming and flying reptiles. Being of the dominant type they were divided into three great classes. In the ocean they became gigantic paddling enaliosaurians; on dry land, or rather wet land (for the whole face of the earth was doubtless a quagmire at that time), they became monstrous ichthyosaurians, some of which had legs fifteen feet or more in length; those which inhabited the regions of the air were the terrible flying pterodachtyls. For a vast but unknown length of time these awful creatures literally ruled the earth. Finally, after they had "seen their day," they began to grow less and less. One by one they died out in the face of the younger and more vigorous fauna, until at the present time only a few miniature alligators and crocodiles, a few toy snakes as reminders of skulking lizards and geckos remain of the enormous reptilian types that once crowded land and sea.

Office Seekers in France.

The desire to serve the country by holding public office, be the post never so humble, seems to be about as strong in France as anywhere else. The prefect of the Seine had recently 1,071 offices at his disposal, all of a minor importance, and for these offices he had over 40,000 applicants. The offices were mostly as supernumerary clerks, porters, local customs collectors, tobacco shop keepers, and even chief funeral mutes and cemetery rangers. There was only one office that asked a candidate. That was the office of teacher of manual labor in the elementary schools. There was no aspirant for this position.

POOL-ROOM GAMBLING.

A Vice That Is Undermining the Youth of This Country.

It Saps the Morals of Young and Old and Is Filling the Jails with Those Corrupted by Its Influence.

It is said that pool-room gambling does more injury than all the faro banks and other institutions for gambling put together. Even a man who can withstand the fever [illegible] to let no one for [illegible] more. It destroys his [illegible]. The vice is fairly undermining the youth of this country. No wonder that detectives are constantly employed by large employers to go around and see what pool-rooms and find out if their [illegible] frequent them. The most [illegible] once attacked by the [illegible] is no longer to be counted upon. [illegible] est in his work relaxes, or [illegible] is no telling when he will begin to steal in order to provide himself with money for the gratification of the passion. For the "benefit" of clerks and others who are engaged during the day there has recently been arranged [illegible] a scheme for racing from [illegible] to twelve p. m. The [illegible] time are supplemented by [illegible] under the glare of the [illegible] These nocturnal contests [illegible] and gambled on in [illegible] the union, says the Washington Star.

Before long it may happen that other tracks will adopt [illegible] plan. In former times people [illegible] to go somewhat out of their [illegible] to obtain an opportunity [illegible] their money, but the [illegible] luxury of gambling [illegible] of all, and even the [illegible] ed the vice to an alarming [illegible] Many business men [illegible] ly discourage such indulgence [illegible] their employes, are themselves [illegible] and there are not a few [illegible] who often carry from [illegible] thousand dollars in their [illegible] vestment in horses, thus [illegible] of venturing ten thousand [illegible] on a single race. Compared [illegible] of gambling the [illegible] a harmless institution [illegible] that it is demoralizing [illegible] the highest to the lowest [illegible] may yet arrive when [illegible] as state legislation will [illegible] resorted to for the suppression of the evil.

Say that one finds one [illegible] makers on a course [illegible] of them pays one [illegible] for his privilege. In [illegible] the racing association which [illegible] the track gets two per [illegible] every ticket sold. [illegible] on the sale of programmes of the [illegible] each, which is a big item. [illegible] to twenty thousand [illegible] The bar and eating privileges [illegible] at high figures, and [illegible] to fifty thousand dollars a [illegible] paid in by the telegraph [illegible] its privilege. Racing is [illegible] company a great source [illegible] This can readily be comprehended when it is considered what an enormous quantity of telegraphic [illegible] out from the track to [illegible] and elsewhere all over the country. Dispatches are [illegible] in a continuous stream [illegible] each race at all stages [illegible] from start to finish, and [illegible] of the electric correspondence that is transmitted.

The expense of the transmission is active practice are great. It [illegible] has been said he must pay [illegible] dred dollars a day to the [illegible] for his privilege. He is obliged to employ two expert accountants at ten dollars a day, one of them a "sheet writer," whose business it is to register each bet made in duplicate, while the other writes the tickets. This kind of work requires great skill, inasmuch as prices are changing every minute, and the horse that is the favorite one minute may presently drop to nothing. Besides these men the bookmaker must have a cashier at fifteen dollars a day, who has charge of the money box. Ordinarily he chalks the price up himself, but he may prefer to engage somebody for that job. The cashiers and accountants are all sporting men themselves, and they receive such good wages for only three or four hours [illegible] four days in the week. It should further be mentioned that the bookmaker needs two or three messengers, who have varied duties, one of which is to maintain a running communication with the paddock for the purpose of obtaining information, notice of tricks, etc. He is obliged to spend a great deal of money on supplies in the way of stationery, etc., which are all manufactured and sold at high prices by one man, who has obtained from the racing clubs what is effectively a monopoly.

Notwithstanding these big expenses it is observable generally that book makers wear diamonds [illegible] and occupy boxes when they go to the theaters, and are accompanied on such occasions by handsome and beautifully dressed women. In short, they are "high rollers," and well they can afford to be, inasmuch as their expenses are [illegible] and the cost of their extravagant living is liquidated mostly by poor clerks and other people to whom even small losses by gambling signify distress. It is the latter who contribute mainly to the maintenance of the race tracks, into which such a tremendous stream of money flows, derived from a million petty sources and carrying with it the painful earnings of the shop boy, together with the squanderings of the prodigal thrift on the high road to destruction.

Curious Natural Barometers.

One of the most remarkable productions of the island of Chiloe is the celebrated "barometer tree," which grows in great profusion in all of the salt marshes. In dry weather the bark of this natural barometer is as smooth and white as that of a sycamore, but with the near approach of storm these characteristics vanish like magic and the bark turns black.

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